

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 13, 14 and 16-18 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11 are amended, and claims 16-18 are added. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Pahng and Banks at the interview held June 26, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 (as well as claims 5-9 and 11) are amended as requested by the Examiners during the interview to increase their clarity and structure. These amendments are not narrowing and do not affect the patentability of claim 1.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,676,050 to Chang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,758,392 to Bennett et al. (Bennett) and U.S. Patent No. 4,547,002 to Colgate, Jr. (Colgate). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a data destroy process unit that destroys electronic data stored in an electronic data storage device of entered paper as it passes thereby and a shredding process unit that shreds the entered paper.

The January 20, 2006 Office Action alleges that Chang's shredder 1 and rolling blade wheels 20, 30 correspond to the recited data destroy process unit and the shredding process unit, respectively. However, in Chang, the paper shredded by the shredder 1 is not subsequently shredded by the rolling blade wheels 20, 30. That is, two separate devices are provided on different transport paths. Thus, Chang fails to teach or suggest providing both a data destroying process unit and a shredding process unit along the same transport path so both operate on the same image display member.

Neither Bennett nor Colgate overcomes Chang's deficiency. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is patentable over the applied references.

Claims 4 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Chang in view of Bennett and Colgate as applied above, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,879,724 to Matsumoto and U.S. Patent No. 4,931,770 to Abramson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Chang and Bennett are disclosed above. Matsumoto and Abramson fail to overcome the deficiencies of Chang and Bennett with respect to claim 1. Thus, claims 4 and 7-9 are allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 recites features similar to those recited in claims 1, 4 and 11. Similar to claim 1, none of the applied references teaches or suggests the features recited therein.

New claims 17 and 18 further clarifies that the shredding process unit is downstream, from the data destroying process unit along the transport path. These features are not taught in the applied references.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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